

Budget Brief – Workforce Financial Assistance

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

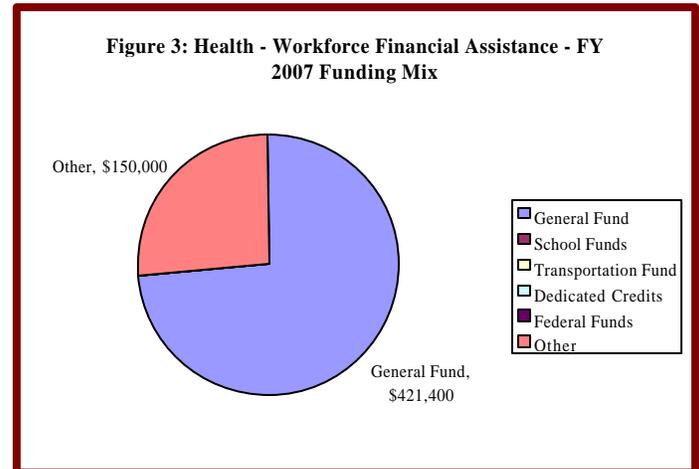
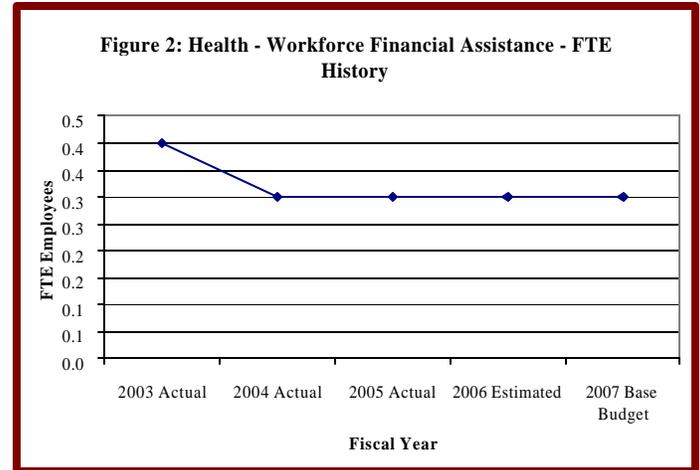
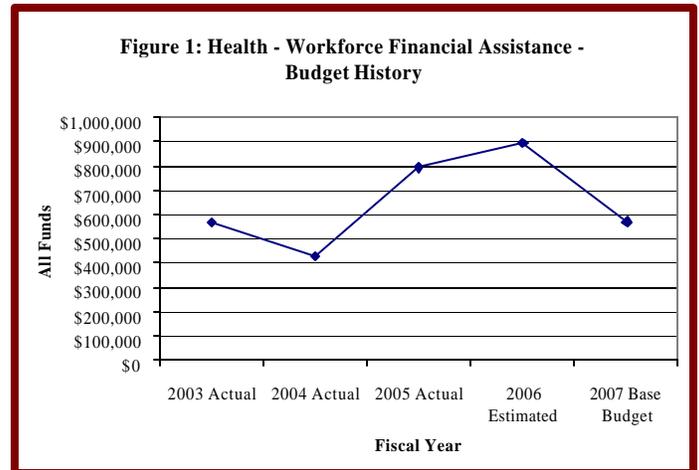
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SUMMARY

The purpose of the Workforce Financial Assistance Program is to increase the number of health care professionals (physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, mental health therapists, or other health care professionals) and to provide primary health care services in medically underserved areas of the State. This is done through educational loan repayment grants and scholarships in return for providing primary health care services for an obligated period of time.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The biggest issue in this program area is getting sufficient qualified applicants for the program. The budget has nonlapsing status by statute. The nonlapsing carry-over has been relatively level until the last two years when the program had an increase in applications and spent more than the base General Fund appropriation. (The “Other” funds reflected in the graph below are all Nonlapsing Balances.



ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

The chart on the right shows the number of grants approved, classified by healthcare profession, for the past five years. Also shown is the monetary impact of the awards. (Note: There is a delay in the approval of the awards and the payment for the educational benefits.)

	<u>FY 2002</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>
Physician	10	4	10	5	4
Physician's Assistar	0	0	3	0	0
Nurse	14	0	19	5	17
Mental Health Ther	1	0	7	1	5
Dentist	1	0	1	1	2
Total # of Grants	26	4	40	12	28
Total Funds	\$530,500	\$98,200	\$787,820	\$287,543	\$526,490

BUDGET DETAIL

The base budget for this program is 100 percent General Fund. The "Other" funding is the carry-over of nonlapsing balances. Carry-over is required to assure the full payment of awards for the educational benefits promised by the program.

Recommendation

The Analyst recommends a FY 2007 base budget for Workforce Financial Assistance of \$571,400, of which \$421,400 is from the General Fund.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Executive Appropriations Committee requests that the Subcommittee adopt base budgets for each agency under the Subcommittee's purview, fund Subcommittee priorities, first by reallocating revenue among programs, and provide a prioritized list of desired items for funding. Adoption of this base budget as listed in this document enables the programs to continue for the next fiscal year at relatively the same level as the current fiscal year. No additional changes have been requested by the Governor or recommended by the Analyst.

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Health - Workforce Financial Assistance						
	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>		<u>FY 2006</u>		<u>FY 2007*</u>
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
General Fund	419,900	421,400	0	421,400	0	421,400
Federal Funds	140,300	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Nonlapsing	1,210,700	761,900	214,100	976,000	(476,000)	500,000
Closing Nonlapsing	(976,000)	(380,600)	(119,400)	(500,000)	150,000	(350,000)
Total	\$794,900	\$802,700	\$94,700	\$897,400	(\$326,000)	\$571,400
Programs						
Workforce Financial Assistance	794,900	802,700	94,700	897,400	(326,000)	571,400
Total	\$794,900	\$802,700	\$94,700	\$897,400	(\$326,000)	\$571,400
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	16,300	16,700	(100)	16,600	100	16,700
In-State Travel	1,100	2,900	(1,800)	1,100	0	1,100
Current Expense	777,400	782,600	96,700	879,300	(326,100)	553,200
DP Current Expense	100	500	(100)	400	0	400
Total	\$794,900	\$802,700	\$94,700	\$897,400	(\$326,000)	\$571,400
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3